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Latch Onto a Breast For Use
in Breastfeeding

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In a Notice of Allowability dated December 18, 2006, applicant's claims 11-13 were allowed and the examiner entered reasons for allowance.

The reasons for allowance copy the limitations of claim 11. While applicant believes that the claims are allowable, applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability. Applicant also objects to the statement of reasons for allowance to the extent that the examiner's statement deviates from the wording of the claim.

In the application several devices with a pair of outwardly and oppositely bowed fingers adapted to apply and equalize force on opposite sides of a portion of a

breast centered on a nipple and spaced behind the nipple are disclosed and are therefore encompassed by claim 11. See for example fingers 22a and 22b in Fig. 1 as well as fingers 22a and 22b in Figs. 6-8.

Respectfully submitted,

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